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President Johnson has awarded the National Security Medal to John A. McCone, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from November 29, 1961, to April 28, 1965.

The Medal was established in 1953. Mr. McCone is the twelfth person to receive the Award for outstanding contribution in the field of intelligence relating to national security.

The Medal was awarded to Mr. McCone by the President at a private ceremony in the White House.

Text of the citation accompanying presentation of the National Security Medal to John A. McCone:

As principal foreign intelligence officer of the United States and as senior intelligence advisor to the President since 1961, Mr. McCone has given distinguished leadership to the foreign intelligence effort of our Nation. During his years of service as Director of Central Intelligence, he has discharged the high responsibilities of his office with inspiration and idealism. To the service of the security of the United States, Mr. McCone has brought the wisdom and experience of a long career in business and government. His devotion to the welfare of our Nation and his unchallenged integrity in the performance of his duties have set an exemplary standard for the intelligence community. The service of Mr. McCone reflects the highest credit upon him and the Central Intelligence Agency.

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